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## More Water Is Needed To Keep Up Fire Record

Carmel firemen were not inclined to pin roses upon themselves in explaining the low fire loss in the community during 1936. In fact, several of them were inclined to give a lion's share of the glory to Dumb Luck and to pray for more assistance from that source in the future.

For instance, B. W. Adams, city inspector of everything but bathing suits, pointed out that in recent years the smoke eaters have had the breaks in everything which threatened to reach the proportion of a conflagration. The La Playa Hotel, the Theater of the Golden Bough, and Cabbages and Kings were a few of the fires he mentioned in which the elements played important parts and saved the face of the department.

Heavy rains and favorable winds have for several years rushed to the assistance of the department in every emergency, but Adams does not like to think of what might happen if they fail to appear, and the department must depend upon volume per minute of the hydrants the engines are hooked up with.

In event of a threatening blaze in  
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## Have You Graduated?

Here's one diploma no one is proud to have received!

To combat the mounting toll of highway deaths and injuries, the State Division of Drivers' Licenses during the past year, mailed warnings to 276 habitual violators of traffic laws, Paul Mason, chief, said today.

The warnings resemble diplomas and notify violators that the Division has sufficient abstracts of court records to show they are in the habitual class. They are notified that if they receive further tickets, their licenses will be revoked.

"So far, we have had good results from these warnings," Mason said. "To date but twelve per cent of those who have received these 'diplomas' have failed to heed them."

## DOG GUN VICTIM

An innocent canine bystander is believed to have been the first victim of an "unloaded" gun accident of the year. A Yorkshire terrier belonging to Fred McIndoe, Junipero and Third avenue, Carmel, was an interested spectator while Fred McIndoe, Jr., and Emory Nielsen were examining a new small gauge shotgun that was supposed to be empty. It wasn't and the terrier was a total loss.

## LOCAL HORSES WIN

In the \$10,000 California Breeder's championship one-mile race for two-year-olds at Santa Anita on last Thursday, two Carmel Valley bred horses placed third and fourth.

The horses were Farquhar, which placed third, owned by Henry Potter Russell and bred at his Double H ranch in the Carmel Valley, and Voldair, fourth, owned by Mrs. Henry D. Phelps and also bred at the Double H ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates greeted the New Year in an Francisco where they spent last week.



## Let's Get Together On Final Resting Place Of Father Serra, Who Gave Us Our Famed Mission

Sparks from the "Forge in the Forest" last week detonated an explosive controversy, rumblings of which may rattle windows in this area for weeks to come.

In an interview with Hal Garrott, John Catlin, former blacksmith-mayor of Carmel, raised a question as to whether the mortal remains of Father Junipero Serra rest beneath the floor of the Carmel Mission. Catlin was quoted in the interview as

stating that he did not want to provoke an argument with scholars and historians, but he gave his reasons for believing that Father Serra was not buried in the Mission.

However, the argument is on and Harry Downie, widely recognized authority on California Missions history, fired the first broadside by quoting Mission records, newspaper clippings and data from his own collection to prove that Father Serra was buried in the Mission and that the historic structure was not in ruins in 1885, when Catlin is sup-

posed to have visited it. The Californian is not taking sides in the controversy but wants to be of assistance in the definite establishment of the final resting place of the famed padre. Its columns will be open to all who have facts to present.

Mr. Downie's communication to The Californian follows:

"In your issue of December 29, 1936 appeared an article by Hal Garrott quoting John Catlin's visit to Carmel Mission in 1885. I quote in part: 'I don't want to get into any controversy with scholars and historians, but Father Serra just

couldn't have been buried in Carmel Mission,' said John Catlin. The only grave there in 1885 was a hole in the ground covered with loose boards. It was empty and the place has been a complete ruin for almost a hundred years.'

"Now, in making such a statement, could Mr. Catlin tell me where Father Serra is buried, if not at Carmel Mission? In the first place his description of the Mission as a ruin in 1885 is false, as on August 28, 1884 the church had been entirely reconditioned, for at that time the centennial of the death of Father Serra was observed. I have at hand the San Francisco Chronicle of that date telling of the work that had been done and as to the celebration that took place. The actual records of Carmel Mission are still preserved. The entry of Father Serra's death appears as number 381. 'En 29 de Agosto de 1784 en la iglesia de esta Misión da San Carlos de Monterey en el Presbítero al lado Evangelio de p' arte del altar de N'a Sra. de los Dolores.' etc. (Translated)

"On the 29th of August of 1784 in the church of this Mission of San Carlos of Monterey inside of the communion rail on the Gospel side in front of the altar of our lady of sorrows, etc." This is only part of the record, too long to quote in full as (Continued on page 3)

## CARMEL WOMEN HEADS CHEST ACTIVITIES

Miss Marion Todd of Carmel has been appointed executive secretary of the Monterey Peninsula Chest to succeed Miss Neva Bricke, according to P. J. Dougherty, president of the organization. At present Miss Todd is serving as assistant supervisor of women's projects for the WPA in the Santa Barbara district and is expected to take over her new duties within two weeks.

Miss Todd is widely known for her social service work in Monterey county, particularly in the SERA and WPA organizations. Miss Bricke submitted her resignation recently, and the selection of Miss Todd as her successor is said to have been unanimous by the board of trustees of the Chest.

## Everyone Happy; Nursery School Squabble Ends

The Carmel Point Zoning dispute came to a temporary conclusion last week at the meeting of the County Planning Commission in Salinas, when Miss Georgia Ranney, whose nursery school was the object of the controversy, withdrew her application for a permit for the school.

Approximately 30 residents of the Point appeared at the meeting to discuss and offer their opinions as to the proposed issuance of a permit. The general viewpoint was that the school itself was harmless, but that

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## Stolen Car Dives 1000 Feet to Surf On Coast Road

County authorities have not been able to solve the mystery of a battered Packard coupe found in the surf 1000 feet below the Carmel-San Simeon highway near Hurricane Point Thursday morning. The car belonged to R. D. Sproull, Carmel insurance broker, and had been reported stolen the night before.

Officers said that it would have been impossible for anyone to have remained in the car during the plunge and lived, but a thorough search of the rocks in the vicinity of the wreckage failed to reveal any bodies.

The theory that the car had been deliberately pushed over the cliff by the thieves at the end of a joy ride was discounted, as Hurricane Point is so far from civilization that the walk back would have discouraged such an attempt to destroy the evidence, unless the thieves were accompanied by others in another car. It is possible that the body of the driver was thrown into the sea and washed away, but investigating officers found no evidence to indicate that anyone had been killed while at its wheel.

## A Little Sad News

During the past week Carmel automobile owners received post-card notices of total fees due in applying for 1937 license plates.

Today the California State Automobile Association issued a plea to motorists to do their license plate shopping early and to present the post-card notice as well as the 1936 registration certificate.

The renewal period will close at midnight February 4 after which both the regular \$3 registration fee and the new "in lieu" tax will be doubled.

## Miss Reamer Bride

Miss Sara Elizabeth Reamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reamer, was married to Mr. Gene Herschel Chance on Thursday afternoon in All Saint's Church. The candlelight ceremony was performed by the Reverend Austin B. Chinn.

The bride, one of Carmel's younger set's best known and liked members, wore a green fur-trimmed dress and turban with matching shoes, bag, and gloves, and a corsage of orchids and lilies-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Austin B. Chinn played the wedding march on the organ and Mr. Kneeler sang the Episcopal marriage hymn, "O Perfect Love."

A wedding supper for ten guests was served at Normandie Inn.

Mr. Chance's mother, resides in Berkeley, was present and his sister and her husband of Modoc county drove down for the ceremony.

"Sis" as Sara Elizabeth is affectionately known, is the sister of Bain Reamer, and has lived for many years on Carmel Point. Since leaving Carmel several months ago, she has been employed by the Re-settlement Administration in San Francisco. The young couple's plans as to the future home are indefinite at present, a trip to Washington, D.C., being in the offing.

## Adult Education Classes Open

L. E. Wormley, director of the Adult Education Department of the Monterey Union High School, announces that the Carmel Adult Education Classes, which are held at the Sunset School for the second term, have begun.

The Drama Seminar under Clay Otto's direction, will meet on Mondays, backstage, auditorium at 7:30 P. M.

Leota Tucker will conduct a photograph class every Monday at 7:15 P. M. in the auditorium music room.

Pottery and woodwork classes are to be held on Monday at 7 P. M. in the shop.

The Carmel Forum, holding monthly meetings in the Auditorium, will have as its first guest speaker, Den Henry F. Brady, whose topic will be "Trade Agreements—A Good Place to Start From", Thursday, January 14, at 8 P. M.

Rhythmnical exercises for women are given by Mrs. Miriam Watson on Mondays at 7:15 P. M. in the gymnasium.

Mrs. Beulah Terry will teach Spanish on Mondays at 7 P. M. in the Third grade room.

Dressmaking and homemaking arts classes, under Allyn Enos, will be given on Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. in the Sunset school lunch room.

English and citizenship teaching will be given on Mondays from 7 to 9:30 P. M. in the Sixth Grade room.

It is suggested that new students register for classes with the instructor at the locations designated above. For further information, phone Monterey 6980 or call at the Adult Education office, Monterey Union High School.

### Building Sets Record In Carmel During Year

Carmel may have hung up a record in building construction in 1936 which will give the rest of the nation something to shoot at for years to come. Total value of permits issued by B. W. Adams, city building inspector, during the past year was \$253,294.23.

Adams took over his job of inspector in 1935 and before that time there were no records kept which might be referred to at this time for comparison, but an article in a recent issue of a building trades publication stated that there was more building in Carmel, in proportion to its population, than in any other town in the United States.

The permits which Adams issued were for structures within the city limits, and there is no record of the money being expended upon new homes in Carmel Valley or the various residential tracts which are in fact part of Carmel.

### Visiting Musicians Present Concert

Featuring the Erioca symphony of Beethoven, the concert orchestra of the San Jose Federal Music Project, Works Project Administration, will give a guest concert under the auspices of the Monterey County Federal Music Project Friday evening at the Sunset School Auditorium. Joseph Cizkovsky, distinguished European conductor, will direct. Admission is free to the public.

The Federal Music Projects throughout the United States have advocated exchange concerts, and it is in keeping with this policy that the San Jose orchestra is playing here.

Miss Elizabeth Niles, librarian of the Carmel library, ended her two weeks vacation on Wednesday. The few days she spent with her Mrs. Niles, at Peter Pan

### BELATED SUCCESS AN INSPIRATION

In the January exhibition of the Carmel Art Gallery, there will be portraits of a collie dog and a guinea-pig by Miss Elizabeth Strong of Carmel.

When we look admiringly at so abstract and illusionary a thing as a successful career we are apt to see it as a finished product and not piece by piece, the elements which comprise it. People have talked and written of the heartaches, the sacrifices, the depths and the high peaks of exaltation which are necessary things, it would seem, for a full career. Much has been written in a tragic vein of the price of success. How many of you have ever had an honest declaration from a successful person? Almost always it is tinged with a melodramatic color.

This chronicle is also a laboratory report. It gives you an entirely matter of fact success story of an entirely matter of fact person who embarked, what's more, on her career before woman suffrage was even thought of.

Miss Elizabeth Strong, Casanova street, sister of Joseph Strong, the portrait painter, friend of Stevenson and Whistler, who praised this same picture of a guinea pig now in the Carmel Art Gallery. She is also the aunt of Austin Strong, the playwright, and for seven successive years an exhibitor in the Paris Salon. Before the turn of the century she was called "The Rosa Bonheur of America."

The eldest daughter of a Presbyterian minister, her first major disappointment occurred when necessity decreed that she refuse a scholarship to Vassar with all expenses paid by the Matthew Vassars themselves, who had taken a great interest in the talented girl. The alternative was to care for her motherless brood of brothers and sisters.

With an unquenchable desire to learn to paint, young Elizabeth, after being given free tuition to the newly started art school in San Francisco, sold little pictures which she did in her spare hours and soon had made enough money to study for a time in Europe, encouraged by the gold medal which she won at art school.

Even the offer of Point Lobos, priced at \$600, did not tempt her. With the complete lack of fear that characterizes her, and the mighty determination which has kept her going through the worst possible discouragements—alone and friendless and in delicate health, she set out for Paris. Arriving there she took a small garret studio and every day attended classes on the left bank.

These must have been hard days, homesick and lonely with barely enough to eat. At last a picture was accepted by the salon. Where many another artist would have traded on this no mean achievement for years, Elizabeth matter of fact sold the picture for \$600 and went on with her studies for another year. But hard work and malnutrition and no play collected their toll and Elizabeth's health took a turn for the worse. Luckily another picture had been sold and the proceeds from this took her to the country where instead of resting she immediately began work on some animal studies, borrowing horse and dog subjects from a nearby chateau.

Always very self-effacing, Miss Strong was too shy to introduce herself to Rosa Bonheur, whose work she greatly admired. About the time Elizabeth was nervously awaiting a call, a more progressive friend went to see the celebrated animal painter and asked permission to paint her.

Madame Bonheur took a fancy to the young artist and left her entire estate to her when she died one year later. Such is fate.

It was about this time, however, that compensation came in the form of international recognition when a picture of a small child and dog was sold to the Prang company and re-

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certain sections of the town, Adams explained, the pumping equipment, modern as it is, could do no more than blow bubbles into a flame. There is a lot of difference, he asserted, in pressure and volume per minute delivered by a hydrant.

Carmel is being charged \$2.50 per month per hydrant for 100 hydrants and Adams contends that many of these can not produce a sufficient volume of water to satisfy the fire underwriters, the organization which is responsible for fixing the fire insurance rates of the community.

Becoming specific, Adams stated that in a recent official test conducted by an inspector for the underwriters, the hydrant at the intersection of Dolores and Seventh street, which is supposed to deliver 1750 gallons per minute, produced only 350 gallons under modern pressure. Another near the La Playa hotel which was supposed to produce 1000 gallons per minute, delivered only 350 gallons. One at Monte Verde and Eighth delivered 575 instead of 750 gallons per minute. Another at San Antonio and Eighth could not produce more than 350 gallons of its 750-gallon requirement.

The firemen contend that there are too many hydrants in town which are on four-inch mains. To get the pressure and volume per minute which is necessary for adequate protection, none of the hydrants should be on mains of less than six inches in diameter and an eight-inch diameter should be the minimum in the business district.

Adams asserted that the fire department is not in a position to wage a battle for what it knows to be a reasonable water supply, but it is prepared to furnish detailed information to any organization or group that may decide to launch an investigation.

The firefighters appear to be in accord in their insistence that the city is being charged too much rental per hydrant and that the monthly rental, if the underwriters requirements can not be met, should be based upon the number of gallons per minute the hydrant will deliver.

printed for school books for a series of small reproductions of famous paintings.

Order after order came to her for hunting pictures, portraits of pets, and other animal studies. The long years of sacrifice and work were beginning to reap their reward.

A great desire to see her home and family assailed her and she returned to America, accepting a position as teacher in St. Mary's School in Peekskill, New York.

Finally on a vacation trip back to Carmel she decided to remain and built a small house, which she called The Nut Shell, on Casanova street.

Elizabeth Strong's animal paintings and landscapes of Point Lobos and other Carmel views have become familiar and loved by habitues of the Carmel Art Gallery exhibitions. At the age of 82 she still glows with the fierce determination to paint. The tremendous will to succeed which has always been hers is still there and up until a few months ago her sketching trips carried her as far as Yosemite where she rose at five every morning to paint the beauties of the National Park.

To Elizabeth Strong this is not a life story of work and terrific sacrifices, but the story of a life made smooth in its dedication to an ever faithful love—art.

### Sharpen Salads and Cocktails

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## What Movies and Where to See 'Em

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### STATE THEATRE

Jan. 5—"Born to Dance", Eleanor Powell and James Stewart.

Jan. 6—"Kelly the Second", Patsy Kelly and Charlie Chase.

Jan. 7—"A Woman Rebels", Katherine Hepburn and Herbert Marshall.

Jan. 8, 9—"Polo Joe", Joe E. Brown and Carol Hughes.

Jan. 10, 11, 12—"Love on the Run", Joan Crawford, Clark Gable.

### CARMEL THEATRE

Jan. 5—"Big Broadcast of 1937", Burns and Allen and Jack Benny.

Jan. 6—"Here Comes Carter", Ross Alexander and Anne Nagel.

Jan. 7—"A Woman Rebels", Katherine Hepburn and Herbert Marshall.

Jan. 8, 9—"Old Hutch", Wallace Berry and Eric Linden.

Jan. 10, 11—"The Great Ziegfeld", Myrna Loy and William Powell.

### GROVE THEATRE

Jan. 5—"Walking on Air", Gene Raymond and Ann Sothern.

Jan. 6—"Ladies in Love", Janet Gaynor, Loretta Young and Simone Simon.

Jan. 7—"A Woman Rebels", Katherine Hepburn and Herbert Marshall.

Jan. 8, 9—"State Fair", Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor.

Jan. 10, 11—"Dimples", Shirley Temple and Frank Morgan.

### MONTEREY THEATRE

Jan. 5—"Hollywood Boulevard", John Halliday and Esther Raiston.

Jan. 6—"Miss", John Beal and Anne Shirley.

Jan. 7—"A Woman Rebels", Katherine Hepburn and Herbert Marshall.

Jan. 8, 9—"China Clipper", Pat O'Brien and Beverly Roberts.

Jan. 10, 11—"King of the Royal Mounted", Robert Kent and Rosalind Keith.

if a permit were issued to Miss Ranney, it would be the forerunner of a future unpleasant situation.

Attorneys Campbell and Robinson, who represented Miss Ranney, argued that Miss Ranney is practicing her profession in the district and that the zoning ordinance has no jurisdiction over such activity. The point was also stressed that if Miss Ranney's permit were rejected, it might affect some 20 music teachers residing in the district.

Miss Grace Glenn, spokesman for the protesting residents, read a list of names of Point property owners who opposed the issuance of a special permit, and stated that she believed that the matter might some day be brought before the courts.

It was believed that had the application gone for a vote before the Board it would have been rejected.

Carmel Martin, the chairman of the board, after the application had been withdrawn, stated that there was nothing before the Commission to consider.

### FINED FOR CELEBRATION

Jack Mays pleaded guilty before City Judge George P. Ross Monday morning on a charge of drunkenness and disturbing the peace in Carmel. Judge Ross fined Mays \$10 and sentenced him to 60 days in the county jail. The jail sentence was suspended for a period of six months with the provision that during the six months Mays would abstain from intoxicants and be on good behavior.

Mays was arrested Saturday, January 2, by Chief of Police Norton and Officer Wermuth.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hanke of Hatton Fields entertained twelve friends on New Year's Eve.

## Change of Address

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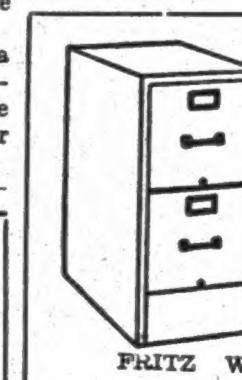
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## MEANDERING THROUGH MEXICO WITH MAJOR CHESTER A. SHEPHARD

Mexico City,  
Distrito Federal.

My dear Beaudette:—

This is from Mexico City where we arrived after two days of travel from Monterrey (my last letter). I am not writing about personal experiences but am trying to confine myself to the travel information that a prospective tourist would be interested in, due to the misinformation and conflicting stories so prevalent.

Everything I have been told about the road has been "all wet." You may take it from me—the roads in Mexico are splendid, and in much better shape than most of our own States! Up to a little while ago they didn't have any automobile roads, therefore those that are available are newly made and in grand condition. How they will keep up and maintain their roads is another thing and it may be that in four or five years these roads will be in poor shape—but for the present they certainly are "A-1."

At Monterrey the motorist runs into the "one way street" situation which will be his problem so long as he drives a car in Mexico. The pueblo and city were never designed for automobile traffic. There are a few wide streets in the smaller cities that permit of two-way traffic and this "accident" occurs because they were originally built wide enough for the carriages of the Spanish Grandee's to pass in moving from one part of the city to another, but in the main they are all narrow and never were called upon to bear a heavier traffic than two loaded burro's which could always get up on the sidewalk in a pinch. One therefore finds, (and this includes the Capital), practically all the streets marked with an arrow designating the direction one may travel. This is a large white arrow placed on each corner within which is the word "Transito." Don't ever try and drive against the arrow. In the small town you will soon run into a vehicle and in the large town into a traffic officer. Each of these experiences is to be avoided. This situation is so acute that one soon learns never to turn into any street until they have first spotted the arrow. At night—with most of the streets poorly lighted—it will pay you to stop the car and get out until you have spotted the arrow and know where you are authorized to proceed. In all of the larger towns illumination is usually placed where one can spot the arrow quickly and with only a slowing down of speed—but I cannot too strongly impress the "Transito Arrow" because this is the one annoying thing in trying to get around to any particular spot. Mexico City, with its population getting close to a million and a half has only three or four streets which permit of two-way traffic. In a short time one catches on to the system and zips about with the greatest of abandon—but I make note of the "transito" because you might just as well learn from the start that your driving in Mexico towns will be through "one-way streets."

Gasoline is sold by the litro, (liter). It is very simple to know what the gasoline is costing you, however, because one gallon of gasoline is approximately 3.8 litros. With the rate of exchange at 3.6—the cost of a litro in Mexican centavos is approximately the cost of an American gallon in American money. In the larger cities gasoline is 18 centavos a litro while in some of the smaller and more out of the way places it will run as high as 20 to 22 centavos. In some places in Arizona and New Mexico we were charged 28c regularly and there is one spot where it is 35c—so the gasoline cost in Mexico is consistently cheaper than in the United States as 18 to 20 centavos may be considered a fair average per litro. One does not get quite the mileage that you do in the States, however, as the gasoline is of a slightly lower quality. All gasoline is of one standard grade. It doesn't make any difference what pump you get it from as there is no Ethyl and no "cheap" grade. You may judge the difference from our own well known grade which advertises their "76 Octane". In Mexico the octane is 57. Incidentally when you pay 18 centavos for a litro you are paying 10 centavos for the gasoline and 8 centavos tax. Oil is about what we pay for it in the States, although the standard price for a car wash is one peso (28 cents). Anything in Mexico that involves a labor charge will be found cheap because labor is cheap and unskilled labor is plentiful. The standard price for garage space is also one peso, but this also includes the delivery of your car to the hotel and returning same to the garage when you have finished. If one keeps their car in a garage by the week, there is a reduction on the 28c per day. In quoting these costs I refer to the top class city garages with hotel delivery service.

I note, however, that I have run a little bit ahead of my story. In proceeding to Mexico City one has no trouble in the matter of route. The Pan-American Highway thru the Republic of Mexico is designated as Camino Nacional Number 1, and even though you come to a fork in the road at some city or town, you only have to follow the sign C-N-1.

And now I come to the part of the story that was the subject of my gravest doubt. Every time I would mention to anyone that I was contemplating driving to Mexico City, there would always be a shaking of the head and the inevitable query—"But what are you going to do when you come to where they are having all the slides?"—"What are you going to do when you come to that place where you have to climb up the mountain?" etc., etc., etc. Again, like my old friend Caesar, I can only say that "I came and saw and conquered!" The situation is somewhat as follows. Northern Mexico is the same elevation as Texas. The City of Mexico lies on a plateau with an average elevation of around 7400 feet. To reach this plateau one must climb the northern barrier of moun-

tains by zigzagging through cliffs; around the sides of mountains; going up into the clouds to around 10,000 feet and then down around precipices to other levels, etc., etc.

This was the last part of the road to be completed. This is the spot where automobiles disappeared before your very eyes; where whole families were wiped out by landslides; where only the daredevil, death-defying motorist would brave the perils; where strong men shuddered and women grew hysterical. The fact that we are now in Mexico City shows that we "made it" and while I would like to be pointed out as a hero and known as one of the death-defying daredevils—the truth of the matter is that Vera did the 65 miles of driving and breezed along at from 25 to 40 miles an hour in high gear over one of the finest pieces of engineering you will ever see in your life. There isn't a grade that is over six per cent. No part of it appears steeper than the Monterrey-Carmel Hill. While it is true that there are curves and winding grades, the whole climb is child's play to any Californian who has driven to Tahoe, Yosemite or Lake Arrowhead. The roadway is the widest part of the Pan-American Highway; it is protected by stone walls at dangerous corners and for the most part by posts connected with steel bands. The first 11 miles is of gravel, then comes 15 miles of asphalt and then about 40 miles of splendid gravel. It is hard to tell where the "climb" actually begins. At Tamazunchale we met some Illinois people who had just come through on their way back and they were badly frightened. Some folks from Kansas were almost too scared to even tackle it, but to a Californian who is used to scooting about our own mountains—just turn the wheel over to the women folks or the kids and enjoy the scenery.

Do not for a moment believe that I deprecate the road. I take off my hat to the men who ever figured out a way to get through. I honor the engineers who constructed one of the finest pieces of engineering that mortal man has ever gazed on. I fully appreciate the dangers and hardships of those who "bucked" their way through in its early stages—but to the 1937 motorist, (in the dry season), it is only a minor incident of the trip.

After you are up on the plateau you breeze along over the most perfect highway right into the boundary of the Federal District (Mexico City). Here you are again stopped by the police who examine your automobile papers, check your drivers license, paste a "TURISTA" sign on your windshield, (which contains your Federal number), and your journey is at an end.

There are many bits of advice and suggestions which I could further give to the prospective motorist, but in the main I have covered the essential points about which there has been doubt and confusion. I will close by saying that while a

knowledge of Spanish is useful, it is not at all necessary.

Sincerely,

THE MAJOR

### Let's Get Together—

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it fills four pages and signed by Padre Palou. Also the names of the three other Padres who are buried with Father Serra are entered in the same book.

Mr. Catlin asserts the church was in ruins for almost a hundred years. The mission church was in use in 1850 by the Dominican Fathers as a house of studies and in 1853 the roof and ceiling of the sanctuary fell, covering the graves of the padres. The Church was restored in 1884, therefore only 31 years passed while the Church was in a ruined condition.

"On the third day of July, 1882, after notice had been given in the San Francisco papers, Father A. Casanova and a group of about 400 people came to Carmel to formally identify the graves. Father Casanova read from the records the certificate of Christian burial of the four reverend missionaries, describing the place and side and order of each one buried. The heavy stone slabs being removed before the ceremony. The coffin of each stone tomb was left visible. A man went down and raised the lid of each coffin. The coffins were of simple redwood, unplaned and in a good state of preservation. The people all looked at the remains. First of Juan Crespi, the first that died, then at the remains of Father Serra. The skeletons were in a good state, the ribs standing out in proper arch, part of the vestments in good order, also the heavy silk stole, which is only placed on priests. The coffins were not raised but viewed to the satisfaction of all present. There is a list at the Mission of many who were present and a few of these are alive today. Laura Bride Powers, the custodian of the Custom House at Monterey, was present, as well as a few of our local people. A note with all particulars was made in the Parish Records at

Monterey. There is also a photograph of the ceremony.

"There are many other graves in the Mission Church, possibly it was one of these Mr. Catlin inspected. But let there be no doubt that Father Serra rests in his tomb at Carmel Mission."

### 'YOU'RE HONEST BUT—'

Attached to a few obscure pine trees in remote sections of Carmel can be found "milk shrines," no longer in use but standing in mute testimony to the fact that residents of the colony once were honest. You placed the money for the milk you required within a bottle in your shrine every afternoon. The transaction was completed by the milkman early the next morning and there were no police reports of thefts of the coins, but times have changed.

The milk shrines are only memories and in headquarters of one of Carmel's leading dairies, which provides modern magazines for customers to digest along with their hamburgers; unusual steps have been taken to maintain the traditional honesty of Carmelites.

The latest issue of Life was available, but a heavy swinging ring had been attached to it. Esquire and the Coronet were on the counter but everything from horseshoes to salmon-sinkers had been fastened to them in such a way that customers would have difficulty in inserting them in their pockets when they departed.

Perhaps the trend in the direction of dishonesty in the colony is confined to coins in unprotected bottles and the latest journalistic efforts, but there was a certain satisfaction in noting that the current issue of The Californian was kept at home with the assistance of a metal stirrup.

Two popular Carmelites who arrived from the Orient, after having spent several months there, were Mrs. Charles Berkey and her daughter, Miss Nadine Fox. Mr. Berkey met the travelers in San Francisco, driving them down to Carmel on New Year's Day.

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DEL MONTE FIESTA  
GREETS NEW YEAR

More than 500 couples, many of them Monterey Peninsula residents, got the new year off to a merry start at the Del Monte New Year's celebration Thursday night.

The main celebration was held in the main dining room of the hotel which was gaily decorated with murals by Moira Wallace, balloons, streamers and colored lights. There was also a special polo party in the Copper Cup room.

The orchestra under the direction of Freddie Nagel, played "Auld Lang Syne" during the closing moments of 1936, "taps" were sounded and then pandemonium broke loose as the revelers hailed 1937.

Dancing continued until dawn. Among those present at the celebration were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whitney, Miss Nancy Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Francis, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Work, Alvin Beller, Ivy Van Cott, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dorso, Mr. Hartnell Lockridge, Mrs. Dorothy Fauntleroy, Mrs. Wilma Aldrich, Mr. Gail Chandler, Mr. B. V. McMenamin, Dr. Hugh Dormody, Stan Beaubaire, Mr. and Mrs. John Neikirk, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Chidester, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crossman, Dick Collins, Mrs. Alice Claghorn, Mr. Wendell Nicolaus, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lent Hooker, Miss Peggy Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Trenner, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Duck, Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson, Mr. Byington Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferrante, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Street, Ruth Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Greenwald, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sequin, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. LaPorte, Mr. Harrison Godwin, Mrs. Edna Dormody, Mr. Ed Gross, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Handler, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Baxley, Miss Theodora Gross, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris, Miss Rhoda Sherwood, Miss Ruth Naslund, Miss Lucille Eick, Miss Arleen Paul, Miss Alice McCarthy, Miss Margaret Sprague, Miss Agnes McCarthy, Mrs. Bessie Fleisher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Croft, Mrs. Katherine Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. Charlie Kemp, Mr. Russell Sprague, Mr. Louie Knudsen, Mr. Fred Parle, Mr. Charles Klerner, Jr., Mr. William Austin, Mr. William Judson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laystrom, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Brownell, Alan Fleishacker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olmsted, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Slipner, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Stubbs, Commander and Mrs. C. J. Lang, Mrs. Ethel P. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tiedemann, Miss Nancy Tiedemann, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vidoroni, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wasserman, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Tyrrell-Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mathews, Mr. Winston Frost, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. B. Morse.

## DESTROY DRUGS

Washington—Heroin, valued at \$15,000,000, was burned in the furnaces of the Treasury Department, under the supervision of Harry J. Anslinger, commissioner of narcotics. This was the largest quantity ever destroyed in the United States.

## Editorial



The beginning of a New Year always appeals to the individual, who is easily led into thinking that something new really starts and affords an opportunity for inaugurating better days for human beings, governments and associations.

The attitude thus created is not without value even if the illusion of beginning over again must be made real by the labor of the person affected. The reader of this article, if so minded, can make the era of new events come true, but it depends entirely upon the will power, stamina and courage of the party involved.

Since there are, no doubt, hundreds of people in Monterey County who will look forward to 1937 with bright hopes and high aspirations, it is not amiss to give them some encouragement. There is no reason why individuals should not take the New Year as a time for checking up, to weigh progress made and to plan advances for the future. Every man and every woman desires improvement and to dwell upon your own state in frankness with yourself is the first step forward.

Throwing aside all the advanced talk of mental scientists it may be assumed that the first duty of the individual is self-development. Properly understood, this includes all the rest of the program. The person who develops properly is able to understand others and to make himself, or herself, understood in a world that is complex with problems and confused with error. It is an achievement that few of us realize.

We believe it is a good plan to give a few hours to self-analysis regularly and New Year's day is apt to find us in such a mood. As a practical method, let us suggest that you write down, for your private contemplation, a list of vices and virtues, making a sort of balance sheet of your personal qualities. When you have done this, study the results a bit.

Spread out a little further and include a listing of your activities in your community. Put down in writing, if you will, the names of the local organizations that, you think, deserve your support and, also, the operations in your area that do not, in your opinion, deserve your sanction. When you finish, check up on your contribution, in service or cash, to make these agencies function. It will give you an idea of what lies ahead of you.

You should not fail to note that you are a complex human being, with three phases intermingled to make a person. What of your physical condition? What of your mind? What of your spiritual nature? Are you conscious of recent improvement in any line or does frustration register as you contemplate what might have been? Anyway, look at the report frankly and make up your mind. It is the step toward getting somewhere.

No personal inventory would be complete without some analysis of your use of time and money. Time is the essence of life, as someone has well said, and most of us waste much of it without ever thinking that we are spending life itself. Money, a necessary commodity under present civilization, often assumes strange forms in our thinking and therefore we fail to establish a correct personal relationship to it. Time and money, vital to every life, should not be confusing, but both will bother us unless we do some clear thinking.

Anyway, as 1937 gets underway there should be some realization of the duty involved in developing our individual personalities to the highest possible level, a desire to understand, as far as we may, the task assumed and a firm determination to make progress toward the goal in the days that stretch before us.

Recent rains point out the fact that certain revisions in city ordinances might be in order.

For instance, the city is spending on an average of \$200 per year for removing sand washed down upon Ocean Avenue from the general vicinity of Sixth and Dolores streets.

A little curbing and guttering, which the city can not force, would stop the flow of sand.

If the curbs and gutters are put in, at the expense of the property owners, the city could appropriate sufficient funds to surface the streets between the gutters and stop the wash. It seems that an ordinance empowering the city to force construction of such curbs and gutters might come in handy and result in the eventual saving of real money to both the city and the landowners.

This, we believe, could be done without sacrificing the Carmel atmosphere in any respect, and appears to be simple logic.

VIEWS and  
REVIEWS

WHAT THEY SAY WHETHER RIGHT OR WRONG

George Creel, author, quoting President Roosevelt:

"On January 21st, 1941, when a new president takes over, I will be in Hyde Park having the time of my life."

Emil Ludwig, German historian:

"Mr. Hitler believes all the nonsense that he says."

Charles V. Croster, health officer, Newark, N. J.:

"Kissless babies are the healthiest. A kiss can be more dangerous than a bomb."

James Norman Hall, co-author of "Mutiny on the Bounty":

"This civilization can't last because it just doesn't make sense. Better civilizations have collapsed."

Igor I. Sikorsky, aviation official:

"I confidently predict land planes and flying boats in the next five years of 100,000 to 200,000 pounds."

Fulvio Suvich, Italian Ambassador:

"Italy likes fascism; if Russia prefers communism that is her business and we have nothing to say about it."

James E. Freeman, bishop, Protestant Episcopal church:

"A conflict is on between materialism expressed in terms of communism and fascism and our so-called Christian civilization."

Herbert Hoover, former President:

"The debacle which terminated the end of another apparently highly prosperous period was largely contributed to by a failure of industry to pass the improvements on to consumers."

Nancy Astor, Virginia-born member of British Parliament:

"If they tell you that communism and democracy are the same thing, don't believe it."

Harry M. Gowen, British munitions maker:

"No nation wants war. Nobody got anything out of the last one."

Jesse H. Jones, chairman, RFC:

"Business has, in fact, been running to much to size for the general good, as have our credit institutions."

J. Fred Johnson, vice-commander, American Legion:

"The group knowing at the vitals of the fundamentals of this country are not Reds but the radical Pacifists."

## Bumpers to be Artistic

The artistic aspect of the parkway on Ocean Avenue will not suffer as a result of Commissioner Thoburn's plan to replace the boulders which now serve to keep the angle-parkers separated.

The concrete slabs which are to be used to prevent oil from saturating the area and causing damage to the trees are to be buried and covered with earth to match the present color scheme.

The city has no intention of placing an unsightly concrete curb in the center of the parkway, Thoburn pointed out. Granite stones will remain in vogue but they will be much smaller than those now in service. Their bases will be anchored in concrete but none of them will extend more than eight inches above the surface, so that there will be no chance for them becoming entangled with bumpers of the parked machines.

Thoburn stated that the work will begin as soon as a crew of men now working on a retaining wall for the municipal tennis court complete their present task, probably within the coming week.

Mrs. I. D. Smith and her son Irvin, of Los Gatos, have taken a cottage in Carmel for two weeks.

## • PERSONALLY SPEAKING •

San Antonio Street residents have established a quaint custom which inhabitants of other streets might well emulate. No one knows just how it began, but every New Year's Day the families go up and down the street wishing each other a Happy New Year.

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Mrs. C. E. Hathaway, Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, and Miss Suzanne Chapman drove to Los Altos Tuesday to spend the night with Mrs. Chapman's parents. On Wednesday the travelers buzzed to San Francisco where they shopped a bit. As a fitting climax to this "spree" they drove over the new Bay Bridge and returned home via Oakland.

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It is rumored that Edward Kuster has purchased a playhouse in San Francisco and plans to continue his Little Theatre work there. Another purpose of the playhouse will be a training school for talented amateurs.

Mr. Kuster will probably spend most of his time from now on in San Francisco, but his family, Mrs. Kuster, Shim, Colin, and Marcia, will remain in their home on the Point for the present.

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Commander and Mrs. C. Offley, Jr., are spending a few weeks with Commander Offley's mother, Mrs. C. Offley, at her home in Carmel Woods.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hargrave left Carmel on New Year's Eve for Pasadena to attend the Rose Festival.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Theines and their daughter, Jerry, left Wednesday for Southern California to spend the balance of the winter.

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## DISCOVERS CARMEL AFTER SEVEN BOOKS

Adding further proof that all famous writers usually turn up, sooner or later, like the proverbial penny, in Carmel, Myron Brinig, author of seven successful novels, the latest "The Sisters", soon to be published by Farmer and Rhinehart, has taken up his residence on Carmel's Point.

In an effort to give you some of his personal quirks and traits along with a short biographical sketch, the following notes may be led off with the observation that Mr. Brinig's chief and most delightful characteristic is a sort of farm-boy modesty and unsophistication, an inheritance from his early Montana background, despite his more recent cosmopolitan veneer. Through this veneer at all times there more or less curiously peers the unworldly, and if I may coin a word, blaseless and enthusiasm-contained product of the wide open spaces.

Myron was born in Butte, Montana. After spending seventeen years by the patriarchal hearth, he quietly but none the less definitely departed for New York. Even at that age he was decided on what he wanted to do. To add proof, he sold his first story at the age of 18, shortly after reaching "the big city." Realizing that his chosen field required a more than "speaking acquaintance" with rhetorical matters, Myron matriculated at New York University where he studied for two years, then enrolling at Columbia University, finishing the remainder of his course in 1926.

Farrar and Rhinehart published his first novel "Singermann" in 1929 and by way of showing their confidence in him they have published his works at the rate of one novel a year since. The 1936 book "The Sisters" rather muddles the record by appearing early in February, 1937. It will be of particular interest to many Californians because the time of action is set between 1904 and 1910, and deals with the San Francisco earthquake in a few sequences. It is the longest of his novels, to date, being well over 500 pages. All of his books have also been published in England and it is a notable fact that "Singermann" which has a Montana background, has had a tremendous success in England, far surpassing its American reception.

Argyll Campbell's boat, the "Challenger", which recently capsized while anchored in the Cove, was over 40 years old. At one time it was considered to be the finest boat of her class on the Pacific Coast. She will be raised immediately and reconditioned.

The Del Monte Properties Company is considering erecting cottages fully equipped for housekeeping, to be run in connection with the Lodge. Mr. John Morrisey left today for a visit in Hollywood.

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The following is a complete list of the Brinig works in the order of their appearance: "Singermann", "Wide Open Town", "This Man Is My Brother", being the rest of the saga of the Singermanns; "The Flutter of an Eyelid", a satire on Hollywood; "Out of Life"; "The Sun Sets in the West", another Montana book; and lastly "The Sisters."

## Entertain Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanton, Pebble Beach, were host and hostess Sunday evening in their home to some delightful people at a very pleasant cocktail party.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hanke, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cross-Aman, Dr. Hugh Dormody, Mrs. Ed-

## Pebbles on the Beach

Mr. Arthur Hately of Hollywood, spent a few days at Pebble Beach last week, visiting his two sons. Mr. Hately, whose screen name is Jonathan Hale, is rapidly making progress in his career as a character actor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lent Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. Covington Janin, Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rawlins, Miss Eda Sherman, Miss Priscilla Kator, Miss Barbara Bliss, Mr. James Coleman, Mr. Milton Esberg Jr., Mr. Peter Cadwallader, Mr. John Menzies, Mr. E. C. Henshaw, and Mr. S. F. B. Morse Jr., all of San Francisco, spent the past week-end at Del Monte Lodge.

Miss Barbara Sutro, with a party of friends from San Francisco, spent the week-end at the Hanna house.

Cam Puget, golf professional of Pebble Beach, reports that a school of whales were to be seen for a few minutes on Sunday just outside of Stillwater Cove.

New Year's Eve was a time for reminiscing for Reginald Sinclair and Paul Winslow. It was discovered by listeners that Mr. Sinclair was one of the three surviving members of the "Lafayette Escadrille", and that Mr. Winslow was a lieutenant in the Royal Air Force before transferring to the A. E. F.

Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong Taylor had as their guest at the Lodge this week-end, Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. James Corrigan of Paris.

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## FOLK SONGS FEATURED

Folk songs of all nations and in all tongues will constitute the program of the Musical Art Club's first meeting this year.

Members and their guests will assemble at 8 p. m. this evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Ess MacGowan in the Country Club area. Miss Gladys Steel has charge of the evening's program.

na Dormody, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cerwin, Mr. Byington Ford, Miss Ruth Austin, Mr. Harrison Godwin, Mrs. Alice Claghorne, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Mort Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snook, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moll, Miss Marguerite Moll and Mrs. Muriel Marsh.

## Appropriations for Coast Road Completed

The Carmel-San Simeon highway is to receive approximately \$195,000 of the \$859,000 assigned to Monterey county road construction by state and federal appropriations for 1937, according to figures released this week in Sacramento.

This appropriation is for bridges over Big Creek and Mud Creek. A contract was awarded last week to an Oakland contractor for a steel beam and concrete span over Castro Canyon which is to cost \$42,517. Funds appropriated are believed to be sufficient to complete construction of all bridges and highway grading and surfacing necessary to completion of the scenic route to the south and highway engineers have promised that the route will be opened to San Luis Obispo by June.

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## SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF AIRLINER CRASH

Editor's note: The Californian in this issue presents the only logical explanation of the recent crash of United Airliner, December 27th, in Southern California. Next week the Californian proposes a remedy.

The Federal inquiry into the crash of the UAL airliner enroute from San Francisco to Los Angeles on the evening of December 27 opened Monday in Los Angeles. Some of the testimony will be too technical for the layman and to many people the cause of the crash will remain a mystery interwoven with plots or forces beyond the control of man. The probable explanation is so simple it should dispel the mystery once and for all.

Most people know that modern airliners fly from one airport to another on a radio beam broadcast from various points along the course of flight. When an airliner is on the correct course, the pilot hears in his earphones a continuous high pitched hum; that is the beam. Flying toward the broadcasting station if the pilot goes off the course to the right the hum changes to do dash dot dash dot dash which is code for the letter A. If he goes off course to the left he hears dot dash dot dash dot which is

code for the letter N. Thus the pilot keeps the plane directly on the course. When the plane is directly over the broadcast station the hum of the beam is silent for a few seconds; this is called the cone of silence. As the plane passes the station the hum comes in again but now if the pilot goes off course to the right he hears N N N instead of A and to the left he now hears A A A. Flying through storms at night the pilot can double check his position with a few other aids, but the above aid is the principle one.

Reconstructing the most recent tragedy to one of America's huge airliners, this plane was crossing the ridge of mountains separating the San Joaquin and San Fernando valleys. As the pilot on this run had done hundreds of times before, he was riding the beam over the ridge waiting for the cone of silence to tell him he was within two minutes of the San Fernando valley where he would begin his long descent into the airport. The pilot radioed his position, the beam faded out, he flew on his direct course for two minutes and began to come down, from the radio station they again asked him for his position, he radioed back "wait a minute." The next day they found the tangled wreckage, what had happened?

Let us go back to that portion of the flight where the pilot last gave his position. He was flying through storms about 7:30 in the evening against head winds, waiting for the cone of silence to tell him he was directly over the broadcasting station. He was directly on the beam.

To you who have radios in your automobiles you know that in certain places the broadcast will fade out. This is caused occasionally by high power electric lines, heavy mineral deposits in the ground, peculiar storm conditions and fading is encountered in the air just as it is found on the highway. On the night of the crash the pilot was precious seconds behind because of the storm, but if his position was correct, he should pass over the cone of silence within the next seven seconds; the hum faded to silence, he set the second hand of his stop watch to zero and when the hum came in again started the hand going; all was well. One hundred and twenty seconds later he throttled back a little and started to come down. He did not know that he was a few minutes late, that it had been a false fading of the beam, that he was still over the mountains. But these things can be checked so as a matter of course he swung to the right off the beam to pick up the N signal but he got the A A A instead. Something was wrong, seconds were slipping by, he had lost precious altitude, they

## FACT and FANCY

By F. M. T.

Ann Winslow falls for that brigand, Dickie Dixon. With her warm-hearted generosity and Dickie's convincing oratory, the Scouts have gained a library of about 150 volumes to be kept at the public library.

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Wouldn't you like to take the screen down and have a look into the heart of that kindly, intelligent philosopher, Joseph Hartly? No negative and plenty of dynamite. We know, 'cause we were recipients of a hand grenade.

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What! More troubadours in Carmel and we didn't know it? During the holidays Jack Todd, in fine fettle with the guitar, and Dot Crossman with no flats, were heard rendering harmony "crescendo robusto", in no uncertain manner before a very enthusiastic gathering.

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Bob Norton, not of Carmel, was seen swinging his 250 lbs. into a Hula Hula and we do declare he rolls a mean tonneau.

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We are about to bring suit against Mine. Pirene for causing our front-al bulge!

We tried her delicious mint and apple jelly and were unable to call a halt; but it was such fun and oh! so good.

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When that knotted feeling comes upon you Dr. T. Grant Phillips will change it for you. You go in like a twisted pretzel and come bounding out like an acrobat.

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We suggest that the efficient Minick Transfer and Storage Co. create a new department where one can store one's over-flow of house pests and relatives.

again asked him for his position and he called back "wait a minute" swinging the big ship back toward the beam to work out his new position. Then he crashed.

In that heartbreaking moment between shearing wings from fuselage on the ridge until the great body of the ship crashed into the canyon below, the pilot probably knew that he had set his watch on a false fading of the beam, that the headwind had been stronger than the weather observers had last reported, that he was still in the mountains, that he was still over the mountains instead of over the valley . . . but there was nothing he could do.

The true facts of the investigation will only lend weight to the only possible explanation. Next week this will serve to lend weight to the only paper proposes a remedy.

—THOMAS P. MATTHEWS.

## LOCAL HISTORIAN EXPLAINS SILVER RUSH

Rich silver ore found in the quadrangle of Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Rio de Carmelo, alias Carmel Mission, and responsible for numerous searches for a lost mine of fabulous wealth somewhere in the hills above Carmel Valley, was nothing more than an early example of visual education on the part of the Franciscan Fathers, according to Carmel Martin, who was born near the ruins of the Mission and is an authority on its history.

The lost mine theory was exploded by Martin when he appeared as a speaker at the Monterey Breakfast Club recently. According to his deductions, the mission fathers had their troubles in explaining silver ore to the Indians so convincingly that the aborigines would recognize and appreciate its value if they stumbled across it in their wanderings.

Martin is convinced that the fathers decided to simplify matters by importing a few chunks of the ore, probably from Mexico, but before it arrived the padres themselves had become convinced that there was nothing more than chalk rock in "them thar hills." The samples of silver ore lay in the Mission grounds until "discovered" by the early miners.

Martin also detailed the development of the Carmel Land and Coal company by the Bassett brothers, whose holdings extended from Point Lobos south to the Big Sur, but the quest for coal in quality and quantity was almost as futile as the earches that have been made for the lost silver mines of the Mission.

Ill man, 67 years old, strolls for an hour on ledge of hotel roof.

Secretary Wallace in annual report calls crop control vital.

Improvement is reported in conditions in Latin America.

Exports and imports both register increase over year ago.

State income of \$125,000 a year believed planned for Edward.

Income tax receipts for December 1-15, show a gain of 15 per cent.

Further advance in business during 1937 forecast by Ayres.

Treasury allots \$1,500,444,650 in issues in December 15 financing.

Grove leads American League in effectiveness seventh time.

Supreme Court upholds the Chaco arms embargo law.

Treasury steps in to stem the flow of gold into bank credits.

Agriculture Department will take over all resettlement work.

Lemke wins Supreme Court review of farm moratorium law.

Organizations and experts disagree on number of unemployed.

Jane's Fighting Ships forecasts record construction in 1937.

57,187,000 acres, a record, is planted to winter wheat.

Reduction in the relief rolls lags behind advance in business.

Woodring report calls for stronger military defenses.

Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota dead at age of 66.

Enrollments in higher institutions of learning show sharp rise.

Two hundred killed, 400 hurt in El Salvador earthquake.

Industrial zone is formed by Italy along the Austrian frontier.

## HEADLINES OF THE WEEK

I. C. C. rejects plea for extension of emergency freight rates.

WPA survey discloses an "alarming" rise in farm tenancy.

P. A. Pitcher succeeds Fearn as Republican Senate leader.

Republican leaders map plans to "liberalize" the party.

Sociologist sees trailer life as an aid to the American home.

"Traffic clinic" at Detroit aims to reduce automobile crashes.

Shrine to Will Rogers is nearing completion in Colorado.

Five are killed in New York fire caused by careless smoker.

Boy, 10, slain by chum; body hidden three months.

Theban jewelry of 2000 B. C. is shown by X-ray in mummy.

Board announces 21,338,120 applications for social security.

Roosevelt not to aid in selection of majority leader in House.

Hamilton to serve as Republican chairman at \$25,000 a year.

C. M. T. C. committee plans enrollment increase in 1937.

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## All Over the Place With Irene Alexander

By IRENE ALEXANDER

I did something imbecilic a few weeks ago.

And got by with it!

Went around basking in a nice, comfortable sensation of good luck.

Then suddenly my imagination got to work on the incident.

Look here, said I to myself — you've got no monopoly on flightiness! This is Parnassus, where being careful about lighted matches and such, might lay practically any citizen open to challenge.

If one doesn't behave with just a dash of irresponsibility, there is no use pretending that you're on the Muses' calling list.

The idea led me very naturally to a contemplation of the Carmel Fire Department.

My knowledge of it was very scanty indeed—a few remembered tales about its infancy, when every male resident was a potential fireman and scooted out with his bucket and sack at the tolling of the church bell, together with a vivid picture of Perry Newberry trundling a hand-drawn chemical at break-neck speed.

To be sure, last summer I had watched six intrepid members of the rescue and salvage department shoving up a drainpipe at midnight and lure down an adventurous Persian pussy of shrewish disposition.

But in general the Carmel Fire Department took on shape and importance for me whenever the siren blew, and after a crisis had passed, melted promptly back into twenty-four forgotten men.

Nobody I met added much to this information—unless they happened to live on the Point, or in Hatton Fields, or the Mission Tract, or in Carmel Woods.

Then the Fire Department, so I gathered, was a sadistic ogre, who murmured, Tch-tch, that's too bad!, when you phoned, or came and stood around and rubbed its hands in glee while the flames lapped up your new spring wardrobe and the family album.

Well, of course, I couldn't stop there.

I hunted up Fire Chief Robert Leidig. I knew he was one of the two veterans of the department, a member since its organization in 1915.

I was all prepared for a nice, cozy chat.

I had even armed myself with a story about him, which happened back in the days when he lived at the top of a long flight of stairs on the southeast corner of Ocean and Dolores, and came back from a false alarm to face an irate small daughter who resented being knocked down and stepped upon in the line of duty.

But what can you do about interviewing a Fire Chief who is one part dedicated to the belief that doing one's duty hasn't the slightest bit of news value, and the other part concentrated on listening for the siren?

I went out and looked up the other veteran on my list.

Don't tell me there's nothing in a name!

Birney Adams, the first head of the volunteer fire department of Carmel, is a namesake of Brigadier-General Birney, who so gallantly served through the Civil War as head of the Ohio Volunteers.

I had him at a disadvantage from the first, since I caught him surrounded by filing cabinets.

I even offered to run down the hall and verify any of the figures he wasn't quite sure of, with Miss Sadie Van Brower.

I learned things about the Carmel Fire Department—and a few about ourselves!

Do you know that:

Those twenty-four men who rush out at all hours to save your burning house, not only do so without a cent of remuneration, but had to dig into their own pockets to pay in large part for the siren which you hear so frequently?

(I'm wondering if they will have

### ADVERTISING STUDIED BY CIVIC LEADERS

Advertising of Monterey county in 1937 will be the subject of a joint meeting of directors of the Carmel Business Men's Association and the Monterey and Pacific Grove Chambers of Commerce to be held in the Hotel San Carlos Wednesday night.

The directors will study allocation of county funds for advertising and consider a proposal for each community getting out its own publicity folder in 1937 instead of sharing space in one booklet.

comfortable quarters in which to meet—furnished with a few evidences of our appreciation—when the new fire house is completed.

Do you know that Carmel has a fire-fighting equipment, comprising two engines and a rescue truck, which makes every community of this size in the state fairly green with envy?

That Carmel's volunteer firemen have been known to have their ladders propped against a blazing roof far down in the southwestern section of the town exactly four minutes after an owner's call was put in?

That in spite of the growing density of population, the greater frequency of fires from overloaded wires, shoddy construction, and general carelessness of inhabitants who cling to their traditions of irresponsibility, the fire losses in Carmel are remarkably small.

And the cost to the city of its Fire Department is relatively microscopic?

"They ask for so little!" said Miss Van Brower tenderly, as she thumbed through her books to give me the average cost per month of this vital protection—something around four hundred dollars! Two hundred and twenty-five of that amount pays for water, and the one hundred hydrants . . .

But wait, it's that matter of the One Hundred Hydrants that I particularly want to mention.

Do you know:

Such is the condition here in Carmel, that with excellent fire equipment, a maximum of efficiency on the part of the men, they and you would be completely ineffectual in case of a major fire unless you happened to reside in the neighborhood of one of our Better Hydrants?

According to the July report, 1936, of the Underwriters' Rating Engineer, many of the others have the power of a garden hose. The blackened walls of the Golden Bough Theatre still stand as a grim monument of this condition, only slightly improved since that tragic morning when two powerful fire engines had to stand idly by.

The hydrant at Seventh Street and Dolores, for example, can deliver a scant three hundred and fifty gallons—four hundred gallons below the standard requirement for a residence district! And that is thirty gallons more than the hydrant at San Antonio and Eighth Streets can furnish!

These are pretty heavy odds for twenty-four volunteers to tackle!

There were just two questions I lingered to ask Volunteer Adams:

The first was about that unpopularity in Carmel Woods and Hatton Fields.

Why look here, he said—suppose the Fire Department did respond to a call outside the city limits; there are no hydrants with which to use our equipment. It would be a useless gesture. Besides, if a fire should break out in Carmel while we were gone, the city would be liable for the entire sum of the loss occasioned.

Just one more question, I said, and then I'll go.

Has the Fire Department drawn up any New Year's resolutions for Carmel?

Mr. Adams closed his filing cabinet and put away his notes.

Tell 'em to stop talking about a strict Building Code, and get one, he said. Or they'll have to get them—

### • PEBBLES ON THE BEACH •

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Laystrom of Wilmette, Illinois, who visited in journey to the great Pacific Northwest to their respective schools. Miss Betsy Boesworth goes back to Davis, Jean Spence and Virginia Wheeler to Scripps, and George and Dick Grossman and Billy Wheeler to Thacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson of Sacramento arrived in Carmel to spend New Year's week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Markham Johnson of Casanova street, bringing Eleanor Johnson home after a week spent in Sacramento as their guest.

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## Carmel Lights

Time was when the lights of the Carmel Post Office burned all night. But now at 11 o'clock, or thereabouts, they are doused and the door locked. To some Carmelites this seemed like heresy, but they recovered from the shock and the same dramas of daily life are still enacted within its doors, and the latest scraps of gossip are still passed from mouth to mouth.

But it shouldn't be overlooked that for all the quite unofficial business enacted there, it is still one of the most efficient Post Offices in the country and one of the best known. Take for instance the letter which came the other day from Southern Australia. It bore only the address P. B. Kyne, Novelist, U. S. America. Yet it came direct to Carmel and though Mr. Kyne no longer resides here it was quickly delivered to him.

Another strange letter was the round-robin epistle which the members of the Post Office staff sent to Cedric Rowntree, when he was in Carmel hospital. Each employee put his rubber stamp on it with the result that it looked like the valise of some world traveler. Among the legends were "postage due," "box rent paid," "Irene Cator, postmaster," "fragile," "special delivery," and "handle with care."

And speaking of letters to convalescents, have you seen the new get-well-quick cards which are being featured by a Pacific Grove Drug Store. They show a picture of a young man in bed with a crown on his head and the message, if our memory serves us right, is "Give up that Bed. Kings Do It. Hop to It. Abdicate, My Friends, Abdicate."

The same company put out a clever card during the Knock, Knock craze which read: "Knock knock," "Who's There?" "Justin." "Justin Who?" "Just in Time to Wish You a Happy Birthday."

In this column a few weeks ago we had occasion to make some affectionately disparaging remarks about Elaine Carters noble chariot, Vesuvius. But the crowning insult came last week when a visitor to Carmel saw it outside the post office.

"Is this the bus that goes to Monterey," the visitor inquired sweetly! (Or maybe it's Carmel that should be insulted!)

When we opened our copy of Life, the weekly periodical which has met with such sensational success who should we see smiling at us from behind a bunch of balloons but Barian Cator, daughter of the postmistress. Wearing even less was Ruth Austin shown as she posed for Armin Hansen, the Peninsula's most celebrated artist.

And speaking of what the well-dressed young woman is wearing these days, (or were we) we witnessed one of those little dramas in the post-office the other day. A young girl dressed in slacks was pursued by a boy of about her own age. The boy was the girl's brother and the slacks were the boy's pants. Though finally caught, the young girl was quite unrepentant. "Well I can't take them off here," she declared delightedly.

And turning from post-offices to radio stations, ask Eric Tyrrell-Martin, British internationalist and Del Monte polo manager, about the big broadcast of 1936. There was only one thing wrong with it. The microphone had not been hooked up and so naturally not a word of it went out on the air. "And it was such a nice broadcast, too," moaned Eric.

Those of us who were in the studio and heard him agree that it was. He made a point that a team with four

### POPULAR COUPLE WED

A wedding of interest to the old-time residents of the peninsula was that of Miss Sarah Irene Fackenthal and Mr. Charles Vink both of Carmel.

The wedding which took place on New Year's Day at Saint John's Chapel, Del Monte, united two families long residents of the Monterey Peninsula.

The Reverend Theodore Bell performed the ceremony in the presence of members of both families.

Mr. and Mrs. Vink have taken one of the Narvaez cottages on San Carlos Street.

men about evenly rated could beat any team with one high-goal man and three of lesser skill. This was proved eloquently next day when despite Tyrrell-Martin's individual brilliance in scoring six goals, the Riviera quartet defeated Del Monte 10 to 7 in the opening game of the New Year's tournament.

Hardly less embarrassing was the experience of Richard Collins, Douglas Schools athletic instructor, when he attempted to describe the action of one of the games over a loudspeaker at the Del Monte fields. He had kept up a rapid fire play by play account of the game for three chukkers before someone thought to tell him that because of the direction of the wind not a single word was being heard by the spectators.

But the fact remains that some of the best polo in the country is to be seen at the Del Monte fields during the current season. And it really makes very little difference whether radio and loudspeaker fail, for the game is comparatively simple in its fundamentals and no expert knowledge is needed to follow the play.

Now we know for certain that Doris Wishart includes columnists among her hates! We were so upset when she told us she didn't like gossipers that we failed to note the name of the bakery correctly. It's at the Dolores Bakery that she smilingly dispenses cookies. Sorry Doris, we've put accuracy on our list of New Year's resolutions.

### Legionnaires Celebrate

One hundred American Legionnaires welcomed the New Year at the Legion Hall on Thursday night. After a buffet supper the guests danced to the smooth music of D. C. Cooper's four-piece orchestra. Balloons and confetti drifted over the gay crowd in the beautifully decorated hall.

Gabriel Burnett was chairman of the committee for arrangements. He was assisted by La Vone Gottfried. Arthur Withey had charge of the refreshments. Chairman of the group responsible for the decorations was Mrs. Gottfried, who had as her assistants Mr. Joseph Catherwood and Mr. William Muscatt.

### REAL CALIFORNIA NOT IN HOLLYWOOD

At last the class magazines of the East are beginning to realize that there are other places in California besides Hollywood.

A special point of this is made in the splendid article on the Monterey Peninsula which appears in the current issue of Vogue under the title "California—Not Hollywood."

As though a little scared at her own daring, the author prefaces her story with the remark:

"This may sound like heresy."

The beautiful scenery in and about Carmel, the mystery and romance of Monterey, the varied sports facilities of Del Monte and the picturesque ranches in Carmel Valley all receive their share of attention.

Mr. Joseph Catherwood journeyed to San Francisco New Years' Day to see the Shrine East vs. West game at Kezar stadium.

### HIGHLANDS WOMAN RAISES CHIPMUNKS

Carmel once again scores with a unique distinction. Within the boundaries of its outlying districts there resides the only person in the United States of America to successfully raise from birth a litter of desert chipmunks. Mrs. Millicent Sears of Highlands is the person who brings this honor to our community. And thereby hangs a tale. In fact, ten tails.

It all goes way back to Mrs. Sears first visit to the desert. Up until that time the lady was disinterested to the point of loathing any animal other than horses, cows, dogs and cats. Mice, to which the chipmunk family is related, filled her with a kind of horror, and as for toads and frogs, Mrs. Sears ignored them. She would sooner have done marathon flag pole sitting than touch one.

But as the saying goes, first we scorn, then we pity, then we embrace. Mrs. Sears did a right about face and it wasn't long before she became attached to a little chipmunk, selecting a female because of its gentleness. Before returning home to Carmel, Mrs. Sears registered, chipmunk and all, at a Los Angeles hotel and after depositing her pets and baggage in the suite she sallied forth to a movie. What was her surprise on returning to the hotel to find that she had acquired, through the medium of her newly acquired pet, decuplets.

Fearing that any change of climate or any unnecessary movement would endanger the lives of the babies, Mrs. Sears remained at the hotel a week longer than she had planned, in order to give the best of care and attention to "Madame Dionne" as she named the mother chipmunk and her double quintuplets.

After hearing of the care which Mrs. Sears gave to the family it is no wonder that there have been no other cases of desert chipmunks being raised from infancy. We refer any disputes as to the genuineness of Mrs. Sears' title to the letter which she received from the Chipmunk Grower's Society and the various dealers to which she wrote asking for advice on the care and feeding of the small animals.

Chipmunks live to the ripe old age of 25 years, but it is to be imagined that if most of us had to set the alarm for every two hours during the night for six weeks during the chipmunks' infancy, so that we could give them their formula along with the right amount of warmth from an electric heater, it wouldn't be long before we would be quite willing to return the chipmunks, mother and children, to their natural habitat.

### U. S. BUYS DRUG FORMULAE

Washington.—The United States government recently purchased title to three powerful new narcotics, ethers of morphine and its dihydrogenated derivative, thereby virtually eliminating the possibility of their passing into illicit channels and making for narcotic addiction. The drugs were developed by Dr. Lydown F. Sma, consultant of the Public Health Service, who presented them to the government, but, in order to make the transaction legally valid, accepted \$1 in exchange from Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau.

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### PROF. PALACHE HONORED

Professor Charles Palache, head of Harvard University Mineralogical department, brother of Miss Myra Palache and Mr. Whitney Palache of Carmel, was elected President of the Geological Society of America at its 49th annual convention in Cincinnati on December 30.

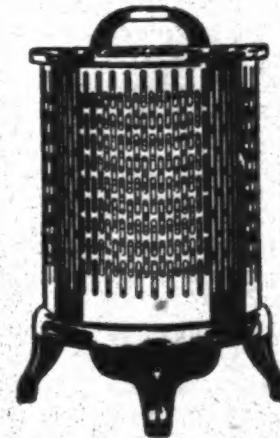
Professor Palache was a visitor in Carmel six years ago when he spent the summer here.

### NOISE ELIMINATOR

A "noise meter" has been designed by the American Standards Association as a step toward the elimination of unnecessary noises in cities and elsewhere. This is announced by Dr. Vern O. Knudsen, professor of physics in the University of California at Los Angeles and chairman of the Association. "Noise conscious" cities anxious to do something about major and minor bedlam will be aided by the device.

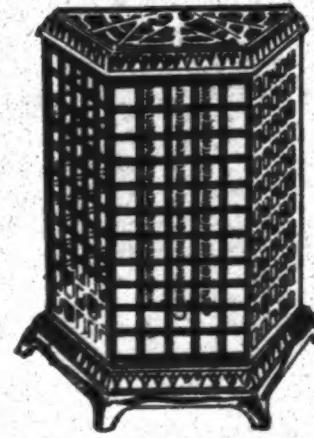
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